

OUGL's Browse-By-Subject Book Guide

Odegaard Undergraduate Library shelves its books according to the Library of Congress Classification system, which separates all knowledge into 21 classes, as outlined below. Each item is assigned a unique "call number" based on its subject matter. Items with similar topics often have similar call numbers, and therefore are shelved near one another. However, when browsing the shelves, you may want to **look for aspects of your topic within different disciplines.**

HOW TO READ AN L.C.C. CALL NUMBER

On a book's spine, the call number is vertical, as seen below:

- LB** 1st line indicates the discipline & topic. Read in alphabetical order: A, AE, AY...L, LA, **LB**, LD...Z
- 2369** Read 2nd line as a whole number: 1, 2, 3, ...78, 79, ...2368, 2368.1, **2369**, 2370...
- G53** The 3rd line (and possibly a 4th) often represents a geographic area or author's name. Read letters alphabetically and the numbers that follow as decimals (for instance .53 comes before .6) ...G1266, G513, G52, **G53**, G534, G6, G87...
- 1999** This is the year the book was published.

In the UW Libraries online catalog, the call number is displayed in one line: **LB2369 .G53 1999**

General books A thru D are on the 1st floor, south side, and E thru Z are on the 3rd floor. **Reference books** can be browsed behind the reference desk on the 2nd floor. **Course reserve books** are on the 1st floor, in the northwest alcove.

A General Reference Works

AE-AY Encyclopedias, Almanacs, Directories

B Philosophy, Psychology, Religion

B Philosophy
BC Logic, Critical thinking
BD Metaphysics
BF Psychology, Personality, Self-identity
BJ Ethics
BL-BX Religions, Theology, Mythology

C History: Studies & Disciplines

CB Civilization
CC Archeology
CS Genealogy
CT Biographies (general and collective)*

* Books on individuals whose lives are associated with a specific subject are **also** shelved with that subject. For example: Albert Einstein is also in QC (Physics).

D History: World (the list below is not fully inclusive)

D 500- World Wars
DA Great Britain
DB Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, etc
DC France
DD Germany
DE-DG Classical antiquity, Greece, Rome
DH-DJ Belgium, Netherlands, Eastern Europe
DK Poland, Russia, former Soviet Republics
DL Scandinavia
DP-DQ Spain, Portugal, Switzerland
DR Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Yugoslavia, etc
DS 35- Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, etc
DS 101- Israel, Jewish Diaspora
DS 151- Saudi Arabia, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc
DS 407- India
DS 500- Vietnam, China, Japan, Korea, etc
DT Africa
DU Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, etc

E History: United States of America

E 11- United States of America (general)
E 51-99 Indians of North America
E 184- American ethnic heritage
E 186- Colonies, Revolution, 18th Century
E 337.5- Civil War, 19th Century
E 740- 20th Century

F History: The Americas

F 1- United States of America (state & local)
F 886-900 Washington state
F 1001- Canada
F 1201- Mexico
F 1421- Latin America, West Indies, Caribbean, etc

G Geography, Anthropology, Recreation

G Atlases, Maps
GB Physical geography
GC Oceanography
GE, GF Environmental science, Ecology
GN Anthropology
GR Folklore
GT Customs, Manners, Fashion & costumes
GV Sports, Recreation, Dance

H Social Science

HA Statistics
HB-HJ Economics, Business management
Includes: Labor, Industry, Transportation, Communication, Commerce, & Finance
HM Sociology, Social psychology
HN Social history, Social reform
HQ Marriage, Sexuality, Families, Women's studies
HS Fraternal societies, Social groups
HT Communities, Classes, Ethnic groups
HV Social welfare, Deviant behavior, Criminology
HX Socialism, Communism, Anarchism

J Political Science

- JA-JC Political science & theory, Human rights
- JF-JQ Constitutional history & administration
- JS Local government
- JV Colonization, Emigration, Immigration
- JX-JZ International relations & law

K Law

- KF U.S. Law, Trials

L Education

- LA History of education
- LB Theory & Practice of education
- LC Cultural aspects of education
- LD-LG Universities, Colleges

M Music & Books about music

- M Scores
- ML History, Criticism, & Physics of music
- MT Music instruction, Theory

N Fine Arts (for Photography, go to the TR's)

- N Visual arts
- N5300- History of visual art (general)
- N6500- North & South American art
- N6750- European art
- N7300- Asian art
- N7380- African art
- N7400- Art from Oceania, Australia; Jewish art
- NA Architecture
- NB Sculpture
- NC Graphic arts
- ND Painting
- NE Print media
- NK Interior design, Decorative arts
- NX Education, History, & Administration of fine arts

P Language & Literature

- P Linguistics, Communication, Mass media
- PA Classical languages & literatures
- PB Celtic languages & literatures
- PC Romance languages
- PD-PF Germanic languages
- PE English language
- PG-PH Russian & Slavic languages & literatures
- PJ-PK Middle Eastern languages & literatures
- PL Asian languages & literatures
- PL African languages & literatures
- PM North & South American native languages
- PN General & comparative literature, Criticism
Includes: Poetry, Drama, Motion pictures, Journalism, Rhetoric, & Speeches
- PQ Romance literatures
- PR English (British) & Canadian literature
- PS American (U.S.A.) literature
- PT Germanic literatures

Q Science

- QA Math, Computer science
- QB Astronomy
- QC Physics, Energy, Meteorology
- QD Chemistry
- QE Geology, Paleontology
- QH Biology, Evolution, Genetics, Ecology
- QK Botany
- QL Zoology
- QP-QU Physiology; Human anatomy, Biochemistry
- QV Pharmacology, Drugs
- QW-QX Microbiology, Immunology, Parasites
- QY-QZ Pathology, Clinical pathology

S Agriculture

- SB Horticulture, Farming (crops)
- SD Forestry
- SF-SK Farming (animals), Fisheries, Hunting

T Technology & Engineering

- TA General & Civil engineering
- TC Hydraulic engineering
- TD Environmental engineering
- TE-TG Highway, Railroad, Bridge engineering
- TH Building construction
- TJ Mechanical engineering, Energy resources
- TK Electrical, Nuclear engineering
- TK5101- Telecommunications, Internet, Electronics
- TL Motor vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics
- TN Mining, Metallurgy, Petroleum
- TP Chemical technology, Food science
- TR Photography
- TS Manufacturing, Textiles
- TT Fashion, Handicrafts, Arts & crafts
- TX Home economics, Food & nutrition

U, V Military Science, Naval Science

- UF Nuclear war, Weapons
- VK Navigation

W Medicine

- W50 Medical ethics
- WA Public health
- WB Practice of medicine
- WC Communicable diseases
- WD 100- Eating & nutrition disorders
- WD 308 AIDS & HIV
- WE-WL Systems of the human body
- WM Psychiatry
- WM475, WV Speech & hearing disorders
- WP, WQ Gynecology, Obstetrics
- WS, WT Pediatrics, Geriatrics
- WX, WY Hospitals, Nursing
- WZ History of medicine

Z Bibliography & Library Science

- Z Censorship, Publishing, Bibliographies, & Indexes